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COMMENTS: I am a 79 yo widow with COPD.I am very concerned about the air pollution from the Cabot Norit.They are not reporting all their emissions.They are not reporting when they have upsets.They are hiding important information in their permit application.I request a contested case hearing.The air pollution from the plant can aggravate my COPD.There should be a public hearing where Cabot Norit must face the public and

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answer why they are hiding information. They should be required to prove they won't hurt me and others within the community who suffer from respiratory diseases. I looked at the permit application at the public library - there wasn't much there. They say ALL the process descriptions and all the process flow diagrams and all the calculations are confidential.. so why even have a public notice. This is one reason why Cabot Norit should have to meet with us to discuss what is really going on. I also looked at the "PSD permit emissions points page. First thing to notice is the big black smudge that is the plant. I also looked it up on the computer - it's even worse than Cabot is showing. Then, I looked for the main stack and other points mentioned in the application... NONE of them are listed! What are they trying to hide? I also looked at the EPA web site to find out WHAT they were emitting. WHAT AN EYE OPENER! Heavy metals - hydrochloric acid.. some bad stuff if you ask me. Is this more hiding and lying?? Here are the pollutants that I found that are not being reported in this permit. PLEASE make Cabot Norit control them. Toxic metals: According to EPA, in the toxic release inventory, Norit admits to manufacturing the toxic metals: Mercury, Lead and Manganese and then "spewing" them in to our air as well as in our water and our landfills. They have no permit to pollute our air with these toxic metals. ADA carbon solutions makes activated carbon from lignite and they had to put these metals into their permit. Perky Power Plant burns lignite nearby and has mercury in their permit. Norit admits emitting toxic metals into the air without a permit. They should stop doing it immediately until they get a permit like their competitor and other responsible industry in our area. Also, Norit changed from reporting Manganese Compounds to pure manganese. I see that ADA Carbon Solutions reports as Manganese (and compounds). Norit should explain why they changed and what difference it makes. ACID GASSES: Burning coal makes acid gasses. In other permits, Norit admits to emitting HCl from their furnaces. In this permit, Norit only admits to emitting SO₂. ADA Carbon Solutions emits HCl and HF and H₂SO₄. Perky Power Plant emits HCl and H₂SO₄. It is almost certain that Norit also emits H₂SO₄ and HCl and HF from Kilns 2-4. Yet they have no permit to do so. They should be required to address these acid gasses in the permit. If they are emitting them without a permit, they should shut down operations until they have a permit. Also, facilities that burn coal should have a sulfur limit on the coal. What is the sulfur for the coal at Norit? Heard that they were saying they were getting a new mine, what is the sulfur there? They should be required to measure sulfur in their coal before they use it to prove they are not polluting more than they say. "Particulate Matter": Just look at a mapping application or even Figure 3 on the Norit permit. Cabot Norit is a big black smudge on the West side of Marshall. The leaves on the trees near the plant are black. I have heard the employees laugh because the squirrels are even black. Employees say that big trucks are used to suck up all the stuff on the ground. The black blows thru the trucks and into the air. Is this permitted? Also, the permit says that the "ash pit" emits just 0.002 tons per year of PM. Are you kidding me? The employees say and have said that big black clouds are made every day when they load and unload ash in the ash pit. It's just stupid to think that only 4 pounds per year get emitted?? TCEQ should do a surprise inspection and just watch it!! Cabot Norit is just plain lying. Norit says "General Plant Fugitive Emissions" is just 8 pounds per year. Again, just use common sense. Look at a picture of the plant and then tell me that only 8 pounds of PM are emitted. Also, there is a (4) after several lines on pages 15, 16, and 17. What does that mean? Please help the people of Marshall by making Cabot Norit tell the truth and control their emissions. Please put me on mailing lists for any correspondence between yourselves and Norit. If you decide to give Cabot Norit a permit to pollute, I would like a copy and a chance to comment before it is issued. PLEASE, have a public meeting where Cabot Norit would address our concerns. Sincerely, Ms. Frankie Baxter